

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a method and system for reading address in more than one language of which at least one has a non-Latin lettering. The device comprises, for each provided language, an OCR character recognition unit for reading the characters in the fields with the address blocks, whose reading results are depicted in a language-neutral transliteration representation. The device also comprises an address analysis unit for analyzing the characters read in the OCR character recognition units in which the different address elements are determined and classified using language-related syntax rules.

The inventive device additional comprises an address interpretation unit for verifying the identified address element with the aid of an address database containing language-dependent transliteration variants that are different for each entry. When the read address to be verified corresponds with one of the transliteration variants of an entry or in the event of a similarity with the designated similarity measure, the address is accepted.